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- After a month of intensive campaigning Gonzalez still has only a 50-50 chance at best of winning the NATO referendum on 12 March.
- The outcome may well hinge on the vote of basically pro-NATO Spaniards, many of whom currently appear inclined to vote "no" because they either think the referendum is a bad idea, or object to the restrictions that Gonzalez has attached to Spanish membership in NATO, or want to deal Gonzalez a political defeat.
- To get these voters to vote "yes" or at least abstain (as well as preserve his credibility), Gonzalez has implicitly threatened that Spain will leave NATO in case of a referendum defeat. But by making this threat, he risks having to act on it. In the event of a referendum defeat, this will keep Spain in NATO by one stratagem or another--for instance by calling a parliamentary election to "clarify" voter sentiment, thus decreasing his ability to keep Spain in NATO despite a referendum defeat by one stratagem or another--for instance by calling a parliamentary election to "clarify" voter sentiment.
- The upshot is that Gonzalez is very worried about the referendum and has already sacrificed some of his post-referendum flexibility. But he does not appear to have any clear contingency plan in case of a referendum defeat.
- In these circumstances what the US says to Gonzalez immediately after the referendum--should he lose it--may be highly influential and important in safeguarding US interests.
- US planning for such a contingency would thus seem highly desirable.

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